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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING JANUARY 16, 1975; FUTURE OF NATO-GREEK
SECURITY RELATIONSHIP

SUMMARY. AT THE JANUARY 16 DPC MEETING, UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, SYG LUNS DISCUSSED THE PRESENT AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIP OF NATO WITH GREECE. SYG LUNS SAID THAT IT IS FOR GREECE, WHICH TOOK THE INITIATIVE ON THIS MATTER, TO SPECIFY FURTHER WHAT STEPS IT WISHES TO TAKE AND HOW IT VIEWS THE EVOLUTION OF ITS SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH NATO. SYG FELT THAT THAT THERE MUST BE CLOSER CONSULTATION AMONG THIRTEEN ALLIES AND MORE PRECISE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED ON THIS PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING JANUARY 16 DPC, UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, SYG LUNS SAID HE WOULD NOT WISH TO CONCLUDE WITHOUT A FEW REMARKS ON THE PRESENT AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIP OF NATO WITH GREECE. SYG LUNS INFORMED THE DPC AMBASSADORS THAT SINCE RECEIVING THE GREEK NOTE OF EARLY DECEMBER HE HAD TWO TALKS WITH GREEK AMBASSADOR THEODOROPOULOS, AND THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA HAD A LENGTHY TALK WITH THE GREEK AMBASSADOR ON JANUARY 14.

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2. SYG LUNS REPORTED THAT THE GREEKS ARE THINKING OF PROCEEDING WITH DISCUSSIONS ON ALL THE VARIOUS PROBLEM AREAS IN PARALLEL. HE SAID THAT IN THEORY THESE TALKS WOULD BE WITH THE DPC, ALTHOUGH IN PRACTICE THEY WOULD BE DELEGATED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AND

HANDLED BY SUBORDINATE GROUPS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE DPC. SYG FELT THAT THAT THERE MUST BE CLOSER CONSULTATION AND MORE PRECISE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED ON THIS PROBLEM, AND SAID THAT HE PREPARED A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT (PO 75-1) WHICH WOULD SOON BE CIRCULATED TO THE DELEGATIONS AND HOPED ALLIES COULD DISCUSS ITS CONTENTS AT AN EARLY DATE.

3. SYG LUNS SAID THAT THERE ARE ONGOING STUDIES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF ON HOW TO HANDLE GREEK ISSUE AND THAT HE WILL IN DUE COURSE PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT TO ASSIST FUTURE DPC DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TOPIC.

4. SYG LUNS SAID IT IS FOR GREECE, WHICH TOOK THE INITIATIVE ON THIS MATTER, TO SPECIFY FURTHER WHAT STEPS IT WISHES TO TAKE AND HOW IT SEES THE EVOLUTION OF ITS SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO. HE INFORMED THE DPC THAT AMB THEODOROPOULOS IS GOING TO ATHENS FOR CONSULTATION ON THESE MATTERS.

5. THE SYG SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEM WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY. HE FELT THAT THE ALLIES COULD CONSIDER MATTER OF FUTURE FUNDING ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. AS TO ONGOING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, THESE COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO DETERMINE WHAT ACCESS TO THESE FACILITIES WILL REMAIN TO THE FUNDING COUNTRIES.

6. AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) AGREED THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEM COULD BE HANDLED IN A CATEGORY OF TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE PROBLEM WORRIED HIM AND REQUESTED THAT THE SYG PROVIDE GUIDELINES ON THE PROCEDURES.

7. DE STAERCKE SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS OF THE GREEK WITHDRAWAL SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN THE REGULAR OPEN FORUM OF THE DPC. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE THIRTEEN SHOULD MEET IN PRIVATE AND RESTRICTED SESSION AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WITH SYG LUNS AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. DE STAERCKE SAID
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THAT THIS GROUP WILL NEED SYG LUNS' ASSESSMENT SO THAT BOTH TEMPORARY AND FINAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE EXAMINED IN ALLIED CAPITALS.

8. DE STAERCKE SAID THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GREEK WITHDRAWAL, ALL THE ALLIES ARE CONCERNED, NOT JUST A SINGLE PARTY. HE SAID IT IS VERY IMPORTANT IN THESE DISCUSSIONS ALWAYS TO MAINTAIN THE IDEA OF A CONTRACTUAL BASIS.

9. SYG ACKNOWLEDGED THE DEAN'S EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA AND AGREED WITH THE GENERAL TENOR OF DE STAERCKE'S COMMENT. HE BELIEVED THE FIRST STEP REQUIRED A DISCUSSION IN GENERAL TERMS BY THE DPC. HOWEVER, THE SYG THOUGHT THE DPC MUST AWAIT THE RETURN OF

THEODOROPoulos BEFORE PROCEEDING.

10. AMBASSADOR (TURKEY) ERALP AGREED ALSO WITH DE STAERCKE THAT THE IDEA OF CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATO AND GREECE MUST BE MAINTAINED. ERALP ALSO BELIEVES THAT SINCE THE GREEKS TOOK THE INITIATIVE, THEY MUST DEFINE THE ISSUES. ERALP BELIEVES, THAT THERE IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT FOR TECHNICAL STUDIES ON EACH ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM. ERALP STATED THAT THE SECURITY IN THE AREA MUST BE MAINTAINED.

11. AMBASSADOR PECK (UK) AGREED WITH THE IDEA OF A MEETING OF THE THIRTEEN AMBASSADORS BUT FELT THAT THE FINAL ARRANGEMENT MUST BE DISCUSSED IN THE DPC AND IN CAPITALS.

COMMENT: BRUCE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH DE STAERCKE IN A PRIVATE DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE DPC. ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON (MILITARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN) JOINED THE DISCUSSION BRIEFLY. HILL-NORTON SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIS AMERICAN MILITARY COLLEAGUES AND HE BELIEVED IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THE NATO DISCUSSIONS AND THE BILATERAL US-GREEK DISCUSSIONS BE VERY CLOSELY COORDINATED. DE STAERCKE AGREED COMPLETELY WITH HILL-NORTON. DE STAERCKE MADE THE POINT THAT HE WAS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT DISCUSSING THE ISSUE IN REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE DPC. HILL-NORTON AGREED, SAYING THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS A SMALL GROUP OF PERHAPS A HALF-DOZEN ALLIED AMBASSADORS TO CONSIDER THE PROCEDURES. BRUCE CAUTIONED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO RUSH TOWARD A FINAL ARRANGEMENT, SINCE NOBODY IS COMPLETELY AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON WITHIN GREECE. HE URGED
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THAT THE GREEK AUTHORITIES MUST BE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR FURTHER DEFINING THE STEPS THEY WISH TO TAKE. DE STAERCKE AGREED WITH THIS POSITION. HE MENTIONED THAT HIS CONCERN WAS ONLY TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THESE TALKS. END COMMENT.
BRUCE

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